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1. A large training camp and target range, used especially by the Bratislava garrison, is located near Kiripolec (P49/S82) and Malacky. The target range is 3 km. north of Kiripolec, between that town and Malacky. Firing is conducted there all year round.
2. The military camp and exercise area is 4 km. northeast of Malacky. There are a few wooden barracks and large tent capacity. All farmhouses in the area have been seized and are now used by the commands of troops brought to the area for exercises.
3. Down to the winter of 1952-1953 an infantry regiment from Bratislava, strength 1,400 to 1,500 men, was stationed at the camp. It consisted of regimental staff, about 85 men; a submachine gun company, 100 men; a machine gun company, 92 men; a heavy machine gun company, 60 men; an AT company, 120 men; and AA machine gun company, 95 men; a mortar company, 92 to 95 men; 1 Battalion, commanded by First Lt. VIASTA (fnu), 29 years old, 350 to 360 men; 2 Battalion, 350 to 370 men; 3 Battalion, 350 to 360 men; 1 Reserve Refresher Training Company, 160 men; 2 Reserve Refresher Training Company, 150 men; 3 Reserve Refresher Training Company, 150 men.
4. Reservists of the class of 1925 were trained in the refresher training companies. Their training lasted three months, at the end of the first of which they worked with the men of the three battalions. The Soviet training manual was used by all, with the greatest weight placed on marching and rifle fire. There was much anti-tank work with hand weapons, and night alarms were combined with long marches.
5. The mortar company had two 120 mm. mortars and four 82 mm. ones. The AT company had four 76.2 mm. guns. The heavy machine gun company had 12 guns.
6. Besides the above infantry regiment, the following units were stationed at the camp down to the winter of 1952-1953:
 - a. A motorized engineer battalion from Bratislava, strength 420 to 440 men.

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- b. A motorized artillery section from Bratislava, 320 men. It included battalion troops, 62 to 65 men; 1 Battery, 85 men; 2 Battery, 80 men; 3 Battery, 80 men; 16 prime movers and trucks.
- c. An AA battery from Bratislava, about 110 men. It had three platoons each with two 85 mm. AA guns, five personnel cars, two cross-country vehicles, nine three-ton trucks, six prime movers.
- d. A communications company, belonging to a battalion in Bratislava, 100 to 110 men, with two personnel cars, five to six trucks and one radio car.
- e. A medical column from Bratislava, 75 to 80 men, commanded by Dr. Zakar. It had an ambulance squad, 12 men; a surgical squad, 10 men; a dental squad, 8 men; a nurse squad, 32 to 35 men. There were three Skoda personnel cars, six ambulances, one operating-table car, two special cars, five trucks.

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